

COURSE SUMMARY

DEPARTMENT: PHYS

TERM: Spring 2018

RESPONSES: 23 OUT OF 33 - 69.7%

INSTRUCTOR: Schwartz, Peter

COURSE: PSC-392 70 Appropriate Tech: World's Ppl

QUESTIONNAIRE: PHYS168ALL

QUESTION GROUP STATISTICS

INDICATOR	AVERAGE	MEDIAN	S.DEV
Summary Evaluation Average (2.1 & 2.2)	4.39	5	0.86

SUMMARY EVALUATION

NUM	QUESTION	AVERAGE	MEDIAN	S.DEV	RESPONSES					
					N =	(5)	(4)	(3)	(2)	(1)
2.1)	Overall, this instructor was educationally effective.	4.39	5	0.78	23	12	9	1	1	0
2.2)	Overall, this course was educationally effective.	4.39	5	0.94	23	14	6	1	2	0

COMMENTS

1.1) Write any comments below that might help your instructor evaluate his/her teaching performance. What did you particularly like? What improvements could you suggest?

- I loved the speakers and I loved the thought provoking readings. I would've liked more discussions on philosophical topics and their connection to real world instances

- I thought the reading assignments were interesting but we didn't have time to discuss very many of them in class. I think it would be a good idea to make more of them optional reads or discuss more of them in class. It would be fun to do even more self-interventions.

- already commented on first section

- I like learning about a topic through many lenses of perspectives (through videos and articles)

I enjoy the project because it actually serves good to society...there is just a lack of instructions to get the groups to work together...the projects require a decent amount of knowledge to create a working product and more often than not, it's not possible with the class resources and short quarter system...my project in particular has already been made by a physicist and my group is supposed to improve his design...that is practically impossible unless the physicist is our mentor for the quarter...which wasn't the case.

I know Dr. Schwartz is an incredibly creative and innovative man but it is slightly discouraging for the students to spend 10 weeks trying to figure out a project and not successfully yield a product. I know there is a precursor class of this class which focuses on development and I definitely think that the knowledge from that class would help with the design process of this class

I like the lack of structure in the class but with the amount of readings that are assigned, I wished we had to do a biweekly reflection assignment or something that ties with our project

- Pete was great!!

- The class is pretty disorganized, although I did learn some about appropriate technologies. I wish there was more structure though

- I really liked the lack of structure and the openness that Pete had. This has been one of my favorite classes at Cal Poly.

- I liked that the projects were very hands on and that we discusses topics beyond the class which I think makes for a well-rounded learning environment. I would suggest more structure to the overall class in terms of introducing the overall goals of the class, when assignments are due, and general requirements for deliverables.

- I loved the structure of this class and how it was all conversation based instead of lecture. I have never learned so much in a class before and I definitely would recommend this class to others.

- I enjoyed the variety of people who spoke. I also really enjoyed seeing the class start to open their eyes and explore ideas they hadn't ever seen or heard before. Overall, despite the semi dis-organized class setting, I really thought you did a great job allowing people to express their ideas.

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- I enjoyed all of the discussions that were brought up in class. I would just suggest more clear schedule to what we are doing in class. Also to not go over time as often.
- Pete, you're awesome. The order of topics and guest speakers was extremely effective in causing epiphanies. Thought you did a great job of not lecturing unprepared and allowing us time to discuss in groups. I made lots of new friends and learned a lot.
- I liked the creativity of the course and I learned a lot about how to apply successful technology to the world. I liked how it was okay to fail (prototypes not working) and that Schwartz and the students were supportive. I also enjoyed the guest speakers and the self-interventions. I definitely felt that the class was beneficial for all majors! The one improvement I would recommend is having grade updates. I am not use to not being able to check grades but it was also nice to not focus on grades but on how to improve our projects.
- I learned a lot about development and how I can navigate my way in the world of development. I would like to see more structure for both lecture and lab.
- I loved Professor Schwartz!! He is by far the most engaged professor I have had at Cal Poly and he really makes an effort to connect with his students and make sure that they are getting as much from the course as possible.
- I thoroughly enjoyed this class. It was a unique combination of technical skill building and critical thinking. I cant think of any improvements, it was a chaotically organized class at times, but im the end I learned a lot and accomplished things I never considered before.
- I liked the freedom provided in this class to make it what you want of it . However, I wish there was more structure in the class. I do not know where I academically stand going into finals as we have not received a grade on any assignments, it feels like we are being judged by how much he likes you or not. Additionally, when we asked about the final and what it was going to be like the only response the class received was "I don't feel comfortable talking about it ". I would have appreciated knowing where I stand and how to get a good grade, especially since this is a GE and not a major course.
- Class format was very loose, but it worked for the kind of material and projects we were expected to do. Ideally, I would have preferred if the speakers also instigated more class discussions, rather than present, then questions and answers, but I understand that some of them would not be able to accomplish that. All in all, the class was informative and presented ideas/situations I would have never come across without it.
- I think this class was amazing and I learned a lot. I was just sometimes put off by the attitude of the professor. I felt like he did not like me. That could be my own insecurity but I felt as though he took an interest in a select few students and I was not one of them. I know it is typical for a professor to have a close relationship with some of their students but not all, I just felt like he was put off of me from the beginning.